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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Rivers Announces Public Forums

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers has announced the following meetings which are open to the public:

- **The Civil Rights Movement: Is It Over?** (Saturday, November 8, at Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and at Wayne County RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.)
- **Forum on Small Business** (Monday, November 10, at Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, from 7:30 to 10 a.m.)
- **Global Warming: Fact or Fiction?** (Saturday, November 15, at Afundi Mediterranean Cafe, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.)

### Basham Endorses New Police Program

Romulus and Taylor could see new community police on the beat under a program authorized by the State this summer.

State Representative for the 22nd District, Raymond Basham (D-Taylor), says that he has urged local police departments to apply for part of \$10 million in community policing funds provided under Public Act 111, a new State law pushed through the Legislature this year by House Democrats. According to Basham, the new law will allow Michigan communities to hire 5,000 new police officers over the next three years with little cost to local taxpayers.

"I believe that community policing is the best way to deter crime," Basham stated. "This program is tough on crime and will keep our families and neighborhoods safe."

The new law allows local communities which hire patrol officers through President Clinton's Federal COPS program to receive 75% of the funding for each officer from the Federal Government and 20.5% from the State. Local communities would be responsible for just 4.5% of the cost for the first three years. □

## Few Fresh Faces Elected to City's Longer Terms



Councilman LeRoy Burcroff



Councilman Donald Morris



Treasurer Pamela Kersey

By Kristi Stephens

The winds of change may have been blowing through Romulus earlier this year, when voters chose to amend the 27-year-old City Charter to extend elected officials' terms from two to four years, but nary a breeze was evident on Tuesday, November 4, when those same voters chose to continue their support of all but one of the incumbents seeking reelection.

Besides incumbent Linda Choate, who earned 2,679 votes in her unop-

posed bid for City Clerk, Mayor William M. Oakley scored the most lopsided victory, defeating challenger Leo L. Knasiak by a margin of 2,322 votes to 999.

In the Treasurer's race, which was open to two newcomers due to James Napiorkowski's decision not to seek reelection, Pamela Morrison-Kersey emerged the winner, with 1,958 votes to Kris Moe's 1,297.

But by far the most interesting – and hotly contested – of the races was the

bid of 11 candidates for the seven available City Council positions. Only incumbent Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry chose not to seek reelection; of the rest – Councilpersons Mary Collins, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, and William Wadsworth – only Collins was unsuccessful. Her seat, and that of Raspberry, will be filled by LeRoy Burcroff and Donald Morris, whose vote totals surpassed those of fellow challengers

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## Schools, City Cooperate for Student Library Cards

This year, parents who attend elementary-school conferences will be able to acquire a City of Romulus Public Library card for their child at the same time. The idea for this cooperative City-Schools endeavor came from Cory Principal Phyllis Adkins, who chairs the Parent Compact Committee.

"We are constantly trying to involve more parents in their child's education," Adkins said. "Encouraging families to make use of our city's full-service library is one way to accomplish this goal."

Diane Hazen, the City's head librarian, was meeting with the elementary principals when Adkins decided to ask Hazen if the schools could assist the library.

"Since a parent must sign for a child's library card," Adkins added,

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City Librarian Diane Hazen (right) met with (from left) School Parent Coordinators Deena Houston, Sue St. Angelo, Reverend Rita Talley, Jenny Schultz, and Lisa Staton.



## Legislative Update

### Compromise Resolves *Durant* Liability

By State Representative Raymond E. Basham, 22nd District

The *Durant* liability, which has been the primary focus of our attention in the Legislature since session began this fall, is finally settled. The compromise agreement reached between the House Democratic version and the Governor's proposal is truly that – a compromise – because none of the parties are completely satisfied and no one got exactly what he or she wanted. But I am pleased that this is now done and we can move on to other issues.

By way of background: you may recall that in the *Durant* case, 84 school districts sued the State about 17 years ago because they were forced to provide certain special education classes but were not given the funds to do so. This, they claimed in their suit, was a violation of the Headlee amendment to our state constitution which says that if the State mandates anything that carries with it a cost, it must provide the funds necessary to fulfill the mandate. After these many years in the various courts of our judicial system, the Supreme Court ruled this summer that the districts were correct, and therefore the State owed them \$212 million.

The State, of course, has no choice but to fulfill the court order. But in deliberating over how to make that payment, all parties involved, including the House, Senate, and administration, agreed that all districts in the State should be entitled to some money. Even though only 84 districts were the actual plaintiffs in the case, all districts had to follow the same mandate. The amount they should receive is about \$800 million.

Because every school district in the State will be affected by this agreement, I will fill you in on it.

#### Funding for At-risk Students

The agreement includes \$250 million in 1998, \$260 million in 1999, and future increases tied to increases in the foundation allowance. The Legislature had previously adopted funding for at-risk students, but the Governor had vetoed it, saying he wanted to use the money for the *Durant* settlement. The House voted to put money back in the budget, but the Senate had not yet acted on that bill.

#### More Funding Provided for Class-size Reduction

The agreement includes \$100,000 in 1998 and \$20 million 1999.

#### Less Long-term Debt

The agreement includes \$350 million in bonds to repay the non-*Durant* districts, a scaled-back amount from the Governor's \$780-million proposal.



Representative Ray Basham

#### Immediate Repayment to the *Durant* Plaintiffs

The 84 school districts which were litigants in the *Durant* lawsuit will receive the \$212 million owed to them in one lump sum. This was part of the Democratic proposal; the Governor had wanted to divide the payment over three years.

#### No Tampering with the Teachers' Pension Plan

The agreement drops a plan to allow future teachers' retirement system members to opt for a riskier "defined contribution" retirement plan, rather than the current "defined benefit" plan.

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I know it all sounds complex, but the problem itself was also a complex matter. However, we will meet our court obligation with this solution, and we will do right by the nonlitigant school districts as well. I am glad that this has been negotiated. □

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## Book Buddy Program Begins at Halecreek

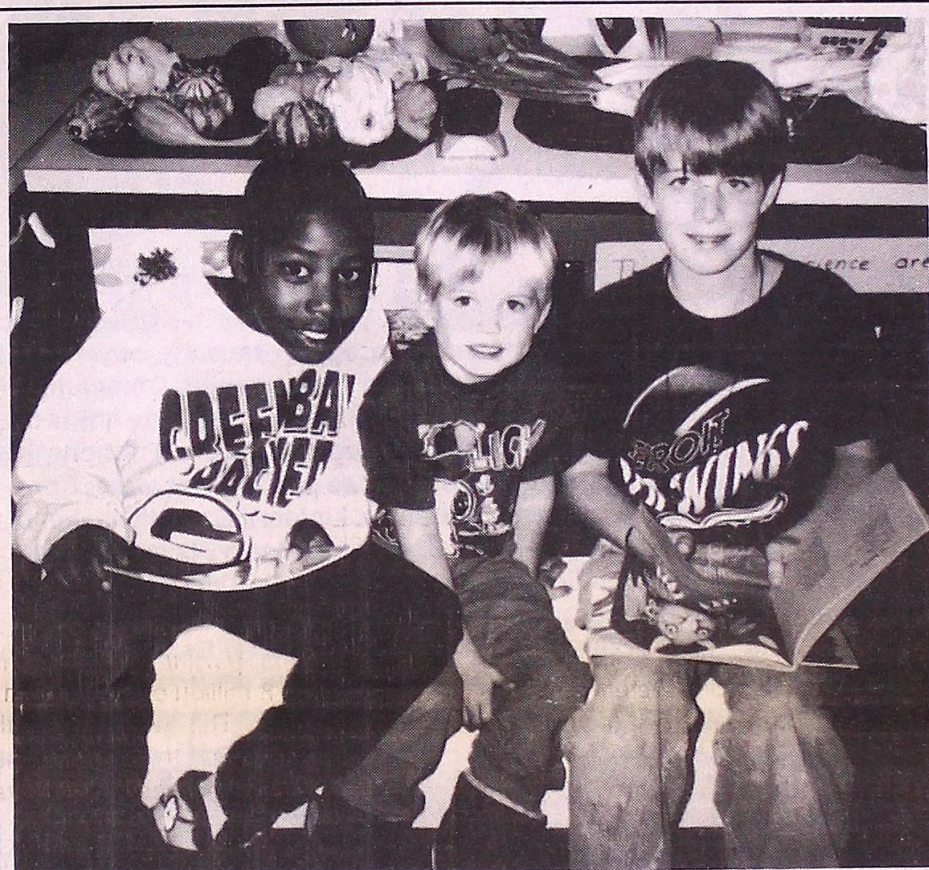
By Cathy Kudra

As part of the Halecreek Elementary School "Book Buddy" program, sixth-graders read to their kindergarten partners for 20 minutes each week.

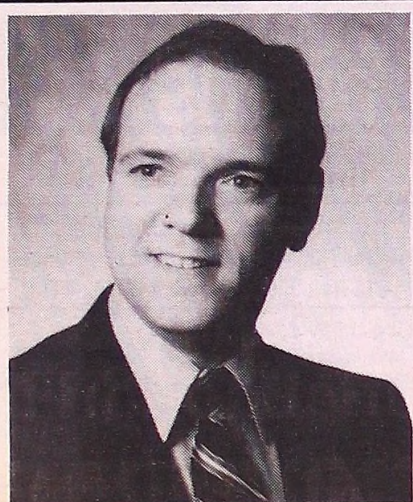
The program has been beneficial to the children of both age groups. The sixth-graders get to practice being good role models and improving their oral reading skills – and, with their help, the

kindergarten children determine what the story was about, discuss the various characters, and talk about what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the stories being read. Kindergartners also practice listening to the stories and responding to what has been read.

They look forward to the time spent with their Book Buddies each week. □



Derrick Lewis and Matthew Snider enjoy sharing books with their Book Buddy William Burton.



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## Oakley Fund Raiser Recalled Fab '50s



Approximately 300 well-wishers joined Mayor William M. Oakley at his "Fabulous Fifties" fund raiser held at the Romulus Progressive Hall on Saturday, November 1. Music, provided by Jerry Gratiot and Willie Hester, and a diner-style decoration scheme helped set the mood for golden-oldies-type fun. Among those in attendance were City Clerk Linda Choate; Treasurer candidates Pamela Morrison-Kersey and Kris Moe; City Council members Mary Collins and William Crova; and Council candidates Barry Baumann, LeRoy Burcroff, and Donald Morris.



## Drug-free: That's Me!



"Drug-free: That's Me!" – a cooperative program recently organized between the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the Romulus Community Schools – was an enormous success. In all, 150 students won t-shirts in the theme-related drawing contest, and all students received ribbons in recognition of their participation. Among those participants were: front row (left to right) – Deborah Varga (parent volunteer), Sam Wells, Leah Lattimore, Nigerra Simpson, Dejanga Booth, and Henry Hayes; second row (left to right) – Brandon Bostain, Jason Burnett, Patricia Renya, Erika Walker, and Abatari Burutolu; back row (left to right) – Michael Sanders, Reverend Rita Talley (parent volunteer coordinator), Carissa Drobil, Theresa Chadwick, Nicole Good, and Phyllis Adkins (Cory principal).

## CITY ELECTION

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Steven Banko, Barry Baumann, and Robert McLachlan.

City Council candidates finished in the following order: Gear (who retained his position as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Chairman by leading all others), 2,150; Wadsworth, 2,057; Burcroff, 2,028; Crova, 1,970; Romak, 1,780; Morris and Prybyla, 1,619 each; Collins, 1,515; Baumann, 1,320; Banko, 1,174; and McLachlan, 783.

A total of 3,441 ballots were cast. □

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## CITY, SCHOOLS COOPERATE

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"it would be natural for parents to apply for that card when they are in our schools."

The application forms will be available at the elementary schools during the scheduled conference periods. Each school's Parent Coordinator – having received in-service instruction from Hazen ahead of time – will handle the card applications and answer any questions that parents may have.

Hazen is excited about this cooperative venture, and is confident that it will be successful: "We're proud of our library, which has been significantly upgraded and improved in the last two years. All of us at the library would like

to have citizens visit us, take a tour, and then make use of all we have to offer. We know that they will be impressed with our new facilities and our ability to assist them," Hazen said.

Parents attending conferences will also be asked to complete a questionnaire to get their input regarding a City Recreation Complex.

Conferences will be held according to the following schedule: Barth (November 18 and 20 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.), Cory (4:15 to 7:15 p.m. on November 11 for A-L, and November 18 for M-Z), Halecreek and Merriman (November 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. and November 20 from 4 to 7 p.m.), and Wick (November 11 and 13 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.). □

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Gene Gonya, President of Gleaners, says, "A turkey dinner is the one thing that makes the holidays special. Your assistance can make the holidays a little brighter and kinder for the less fortunate in the community."

For more information about Gleaners Community Food Bank, please call 313-923-2552. Checks may be mailed to Gleaners at 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, Michigan 48207. □

## Red Cross Blanket Days

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, along with World Medical Relief, hope to share the warmth this winter through their 10th annual Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign.

The organizations are looking to collect more than 8,500 blankets, 2,000 crib blankets, and nearly 10,000 towel/washcloth sets for distribution to more than 100 shelters in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Recipients include the homeless, victims of domestic abuse, and runaways.

Blanket Days was started in 1988, when the American Red Cross surveyed area shelters to determine their needs. That year, more than 300 blankets were distributed to more than 20 shelters.

Cash donations of any amount (usually \$5) are preferred. However, donations of new, washable blankets will also be very much appreciated.

Blankets may be dropped off at any Red Cross Service Center. Call 1-800-552-5466 for the nearest center in your area.

Checks should be made payable to: The American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, and sent to P.O. Box 33351, c/o Barbara O'Neill, Detroit, Michigan 48232-5351. (Note: please mark "Blanket Days for the Homeless" on all checks.) □



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## El Niño and Romulus

By Margaret Leduc, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Romulus

El Niño: What is it? What does it mean? Will it effect Michigan? What should the people of Romulus do? Winter Awareness Week (November 9-15) is an especially appropriate time to consider these questions.

### "The Child"

El Niño – Spanish for "the child" – is the term coined by South American fishermen for a cycle of unusual warming in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Peru and Ecuador. Such a cycle usually lasts for about a year, starting one summer and ending the next, with the peak warming time falling around Christmas (hence the name, El Niño). This year, the ocean started to warm quicker and sooner than normal. By mid-August, some locations in the ocean, near the coast of Peru, were as much as 10°F above normal, the warmest recorded event.

### How does something that happens between 5,000 and 10,000 miles from Michigan affect the weather here?

Most of the heat energy that drives earth's weather comes from the tropical oceans. As you watch weather reports, you will notice references to the flow and direction of the jet stream. Upper-level winds direct the jet stream's energy northward from South America. If the jet stream carries most of its energy into southern California, this could result in a normal winter and snowfall for Michigan. However, if the jet-stream energy climbs over the upper ridge of California along the U.S. west coast, then the warm air will travel through Canada. As it moves south to Michigan, we can have a drier, warmer winter with less snow.

### What should Romulus residents do? Should they put away their snow shovels and wear shorts all winter?

Just like any other weather forecast, seasonal predictions which take El Niño into account are just projections of probabilities; they are not "surefire." As you know, Michigan weather changes

rapidly. In fact, there is a saying: "If you don't like our weather now, wait an hour and it will change." Therefore, the people of Romulus should not throw caution to the wind, but must still prepare for winter weather. Winterize the car and make sure that you carry an emergency kit. Stock up at home with food, water, flashlights, battery-operated radios, and batteries in case of severe storms or power outages.

It is also important to understand what the various weather terms mean.

**Blizzard Warnings** are issued when the National Weather Service expects considerable snow and wind of 35 miles per hour or more. Visibility can be so poor that you will not be able to see for more than a few yards. A blizzard is the most dangerous of all winter storms.

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**Winter Storm Warnings** mean that heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain is expected.

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From its evolution as a bit of pointed wood, charred and sharpened, to a weapon of bone, stone, copper, bronze, iron and steel, the sword has become a knightly symbol of honor, authority, justice and legendary power – the "queen of weapons."

But how and why would any sane and peace-loving person today wish to learn to wield an archaic battle tool like a sword?

In my case perhaps it relates to a childhood tempered by sword-fighting fantasies involving Zorro and King Arthur and his magical blade, "Excalibur."

Add to that the fact that I am the collector owner of a razor-sharp katana, or Japanese sword, with no idea how to use it.

And that no doubt was the reason I sought out Marshall Gagne, Downriver's grand master of the Korean martial art hapkido.

I enrolled in a "kum sul," or sword technique class, as it has been taught in Korea for centuries. Rather than slashing your way through the battlefield, the goal is to learn the "sword way" or path.

Where is such a path designed to take you?

I put the question to Gagne, who has begun to offer lessons in the Korean sword at his "do jung," or U.S. Hapkido Association studio on Fort Street in Trenton.

Gagne has extensive martial arts training that began with boxing and wrestling as a youth, and continued with oriental martial arts while he was in the service in Korea and Japan.

Gagne enlisted in the Army airborne where soldiers are taught the form of hand-to-hand combat called jujitsu.

He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and a member of the 18th Airborne Corps' Sky Diving team. He was then accepted into the Army parachute team known as The Golden Knights.

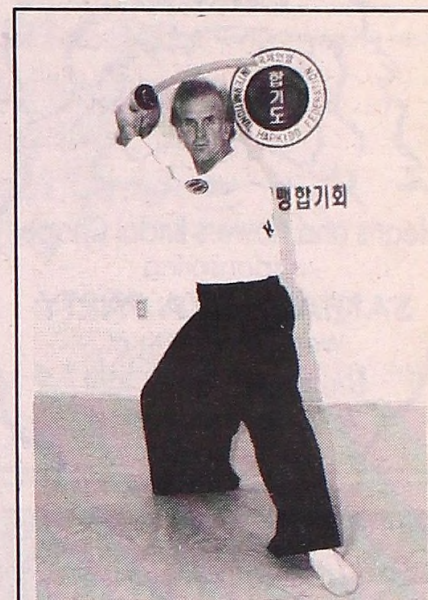
While in Korea in 1969, Gagne became fascinated with the national martial art forms of taekwondo and hapkido. By the time he left Korea he had a black belt and an expert's knowledge of Asian fighting skills, including the Korean sword art, kum do.

Kum do is the much older, Korean counterpart to the Japanese samurai/ninja-style of kendo, or bladed martial art.

This ancient study incorporates two dozen separate sword "letter" motions or "cuts," where as the kendo style may emphasize a basic five.

"Who would fare better in conflict, a Korean master or a Japanese swordsman?" I asked.

"'Better' is a relative term," Gagne said. "The best man may be the one who sheathes his sword and walks away from conflict. But in a contest of skills it will depend upon the moment and the use of technique. That technique may also prevent you from ever finding yourself in an actual battle."



Martial-arts expert Marshall Gagne (photo by Larry DiVizio)

While Gagne's comments might seem familiar to watchers of the old "Kung Fu" TV series, he is serious and no doubt correct. What the master has been trying to pound into the heads of his students, be they teenagers or baby-boomers like myself, is that everyone begins at the Beginning. Through a series of individual steps they each undertake the long journey toward mastery. Whether that path leads to a black belt or merely the novice's satisfaction at the lesson's end, there is nevertheless the sense that "many raindrops make an ocean."

Assuming the basic "en guard," "attack" or "cutting" positions while holding a wooden practice sword make for lessons in humility rather than aggression.

Even learning the basics of carrying, drawing or sheathing the sword, or possibly, of surrendering it to an opponent have their purpose. The key is a form of focus and control which begin from within.

The Korean fighting art of hapkido and its philosophical sword-bearing component involve the essence of what is called "Ki," or life force.

This, Gagne explains, is the energy that flows within us all.

It is also said to be found in all forms of things, and although invisible it may be translated into a variety of actions.

With regard to kum sul, or technique of the sword, an individual's Ki and the blade become one, like a sort of metaphysical extension of himself.

Now several weeks into my training, I am slowly learning a new discipline that has its roots in an ancient culture.

Balance, control, meditation, quest for self are all by-products of what Gagne offers in his teaching. It is ironic that anyone should seek out such peaceful objectives by learning to dance with a razor sharp weapon. But the inherent principle of the sword is that it may possess a tempered double-edge.

And finally, though the sword is usually thought of as an offensive weapon, its secret truth may well be that of defensive power, embodied by the Ki of each person who guides it.

For information about sword instruction, call the U.S. Hapkido Association at 313-692-3960.

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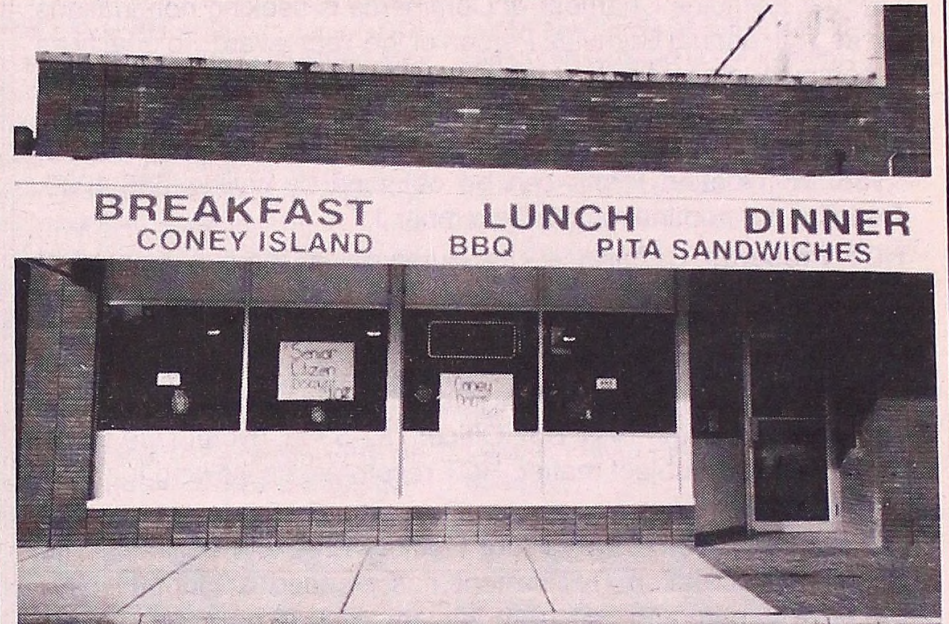
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## "Fresh" is the Focus at Open-Pit B.B.Q. Restaurant



Open-Pit B.B.Q. Restaurant & Coney Island offers a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu.

By Rikki Strobos

"Homemade dishes prepared from fresh ingredients are our specialty," says Nina Kadi, who, along with her husband Archie, owns the Open-Pit B.B.Q. Restaurant & Coney Island.

Despite the establishment's name, its menu is anything but limited. A full selection of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items includes omelettes and lumberjack-style breakfast fare; soups, salads, burgers, and specialty sandwiches such as gyros; and traditional family-style meals featuring roast beef, chicken, pork chops, turkey, and meatloaf. Patrons are invited to dine in or carry out.

"Our aim is simple: We want to please our customers," said Nina. "That's why we have done our best to create a clean, pleasant atmosphere where comfortable booths invite people to relax and enjoy the homemade food we are so proud of."

If experience is the best teacher, then Archie and Nina should be experts in their chosen field: the two have been in the restaurant and banquet business for 45 years. Most recently, they owned and operated Ares Family Dining in Redford Township.

The Kadis, who reside in Westland, are also especially proud of their close and loving family. The couple has one son, three daughters (two of whom are married), and nine grandchildren.

The Open-Pit B.B.Q. Restaurant & Coney Island, located at 36542 Goddard Road, is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed on Sundays.

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## Community Calendar

- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 18th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March 1988. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **HCT Presents *Cabaret*** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present *Cabaret* on the weekends of November 7–9 and November 14–16. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students/senior citizens. For ticket information, please call the HCT Box Office: 782-5380. (Note: Due to the show's mature subject matter, HCT recommends viewing for adult audiences only.)
- **Recreation's Elementary Floor Hockey Program Begins** – The Romulus Recreation Department has planned a Floor Hockey Program to begin on Saturday, November 8, at each elementary school. Practice times for both boys and girls in grades three and four will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls will practice from 12 to 2 p.m. Cost of the six-week program is \$10 for those who registered for soccer; \$20 for all others (fee also covers a t-shirt). Program runs until December 20 (no practice on November 29). Schools will play games against each other beginning November 22. For more information, call 942-6852.
- **Christmas Luncheon/Bazaar** – The Community United Methodist Church of Romulus will host its annual "Hot Chicken Salad Christmas Luncheon/Bazaar" fund-raiser at the Church (11160 Olive) on Friday, November 14 (Luncheon – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Bazaar – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Tickets for the luncheon are \$7 per person. For more information, please call 941-0736.
- **Craft Classes at the Recreation Department** – Residents of all ages (children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take a class on how to make molded-chocolate holiday candies (Saturday, November 15, from 1 to 3 p.m.; \$5 fee; preregister by November 13); an angel or a Christmas ball (Saturday, December 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.; \$5 fee for angel/\$3 fee for ball; preregister by December 4); and/or a potpourri pie, a reindeer, or a Christmas ball (Saturday, December 13, from 1 to 4 p.m.; \$3 fee; preregister by December 11). All classes will be held at the Recreation building. For more information, call 942-6852.
- **New Hope Missionary Baptist's Usher's Board Anniversary** – New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, located at 5403 Wayne Road in Wayne, will celebrate its Usher's Board Anniversary on Sunday, November 16, beginning with a 7:45 a.m. service, followed by a 9 a.m. breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, and a presentation by the church's own pastor, Reverend Virgil Humes, at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join the congregation for fellowship in the name of the Lord.
- **West Road Assembly of God Celebrates 50 Years** – A special homecoming is being planned for Huron Township's West Road Assembly of God when it celebrates its 50th anniversary on Sunday, November 16. The morning service (at which all former pastors of the church will be recognized) will be followed by a time of fellowship, when refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

1	2	3	
4	5	6	
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25	26	27	
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### DEFINITIONS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Push rudely or roughly   | 17. Transparently thin  |
| 2. Stockings  | 18. One who foretells the future; a clairvoyant or soothsayer             |
| 3. Greek goddess of the dawn  | 19. Snuggled; nuzzled   |
| 4. Rumble; dishevel   | 20. Mixture of rain and snow or hail                                      |
| 5. In Greek mythology, eaters of this fruit forgot the past and lived in blissful indolence | 21. For fear that   |
| 6. Overwhelming desire or craving   | 22. Betrayal, as of one's country   |
| 7. _____ Hollywood  | 23. Florid in style; flashy; showy  |
| 8. Board with switches or buttons that control an electric device                           | 24. Make amends   |
| 9. Pallid or wan  | 25. Railroad or bus station   |
| 10. Give public support to  | 26. One who writes verse  |
| 11. "Sawed logs"  | 27. Stroke or caress  |
| 12. Persons regarded as inept or unattractive   | 28. Shoot two strokes under par   |
| 13. Register in permanent form  | 29. Jubilant delight  |
| 14. System of beliefs or principles   | 30. In a right triangle, either of the two sides which form the 90° angle |
| 15. Open to both sexes  | 31. Thwart or stump   |
| 16. Coffin-carrying vehicle   | 32. Strike a heavy, damaging blow   |
|   | 33. Give forth; radiate   |

For solution, see page 10

## YOU'LL FIND IT IN "VETERAN"

How many words of four or more letters can you find using only the letters in VETERAN? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals, proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 34 words can be found on page 10



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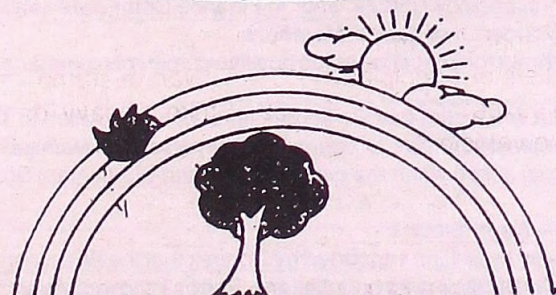
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)  
**Happy Birthday!**

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of November: Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Loretta Lynch, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, Norma Thompson, and Helen Zwalesky.

### Thanksgiving Feast

Senior-citizen and student volunteers will be preparing and serving a delicious Thanksgiving feast for local seniors at the Romulus Middle School on Wick Road beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19. Thanks to a donation from the Mayor's Task Force, which will be furnishing funds for the meal, those who attend need not bring a dish to pass.

Space is extremely limited, so all who are interested should sign up at the Center right away to reserve a seat. (Helpful hint: volunteers receive first preference!) For more information, contact the Center.

### Holiday Gala

The Senior Center's 2nd Annual Holiday Gala will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 29, at the Romulus VFW Hall, located on Huron River Drive. (Note: Special thanks to Post #9568, which has once again donated the space for this special event.)

A \$5-per-person cost covers a delicious catered meal, door prizes, party favors, and entertainment. Since space is limited, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. *No one will be admitted without signing up in advance.*

### Crafty Ideas for the Holidays

During the months of November and December, the Romulus Recreation Department will offer a number of craft classes which are open to local residents.

Senior citizens can preregister for classes on how to make Christmas trees from baby-food jars (Thursday, November 13, at 1 p.m.) and/or candy-making (Thursday, November 20, at 1 p.m.). For information about materials, deadlines, etc., contact Linda Norman at the Senior Center.

Residents of all ages (children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult) can choose from classes on how to make molded-chocolate holiday candies (Saturday, November 15, from 1 to 3 p.m.; \$5 fee; preregister by November 13); an angel or a Christmas ball (Saturday, December 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.; \$5 fee for angel/\$3 fee for ball; preregister by December 4); and/or a potpourri pie, a reindeer, or a Christmas ball (Saturday, December 13, from 1 to 4 p.m.; \$3 fee; preregister by December 11). All classes will be held at the Recreation building.

### Lunch and a Play

On Saturday, November 22, Romulus seniors are invited to go out for a seven-course luncheon at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, followed by a production of *Aladdin* at the Marquis Theatre and a side trip for shopping at Vic's Market. Cost for the day is \$35. Sign up at the Center.

### Safe Shopping

On Thursday, November 13 — just in time for the start of the busy holiday shopping season — Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will discuss "Personal Safety While Shopping" during the Center's monthly "Senior Crime Watch" program, to be held at the Center beginning at 9 a.m. Coffee and sweet rolls will be served.

### Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

### Commodities Available at the Center

Beginning November 20, the Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is requested.

### Bowlers Needed

The Romulus Senior-citizen Bowling League is in need of both regular and substitute bowlers (age 55 or older). Call the Center for more information.

### Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For more information, call 313-843-2550. □

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## McEducator Night Benefits RHS



(From left) Romulus High School Assistant Principal Doug Hoffman and High School math teachers Kathy Abdo and Marci Tomchick listen to McDonald's Marketing Manager Judy Bowers as she explains how to service McDonald's customers using the auto-order machine. Romulus Schools staff members worked for four hours at the Romulus McDonald's restaurant on Wayne Road as part of the McEducator Night Fund Raiser, which benefited Romulus High School.

## ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 8

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### LEAPFROG:

- 1) shove; 2) hose; 3) Eos
- 4) tousle; 5) lotus; 6) lust
- 7) Planet; 8) panel; 9) pale
- 10) endorse; 11) snored; 12) nerds
- 13) record; 14) credo; 15) coed
- 16) hearse; 17) sheer; 18) seer
- 19) nestle; 20) sleet; 21) lest
- 22) treason; 23) ornate; 24) atone
- 25) depot; 26) poet; 27) pet
- 28) eagle; 29) glee; 30) leg
- 31) stymie; 32) smite; 33) emit

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### YOU'LL FIND IT IN "VETERAN":

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## REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 13, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended to include VI. E. 1., "Climate Report Presentation," under Report of the Superintendent.

10/97/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/97/2 Moved by Berlenn supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of September 22, 1997, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval: Employment – Brian Fuss, 5th Grade, Wick Elementary School, Effective October 1, 1997.

10/97/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlenn to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

10/97/4 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Public Hearing – Annual Report

The Annual Report for the Romulus Community Schools was presented to the public and the Board of Education. There were no questions posed by the community or Members of the Board.

#### Audit Report

10/97/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlenn to accept the Audit Report as prepared by the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel, Certified Public Accountants. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Adoption of 1997-98 Budget

10/97/6 Moved by Berlenn supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 1997-98 General Fund Budget with revenue of \$36,415,400 and expenses of \$35,450,990. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Adoption of Tax Rate – Winter Tax

10/97/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 1997 winter tax collection: All Property: 2.73 mills Debt; 3.0 mills State Tax. Homestead: 7.41 mills Hold Harmless. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Climate Report Presentation

Mr. Claude Siders was present and updated the Board of Education on the reorganization of the Climate Committee and responded to their questions.

### Health Center Request

10/97/8 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a one-time-only payment of \$10,000 to the Romulus Health Center to maintain mental health services at the Clinic as per the attached memo from the acting Program Director, dated October 1, 1997. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Report on NAACP Meeting – Eva Webb, et. al.

Eva Webb and a number of our folks attended the 1st Annual Western Wayne County NAACP Freedom Fund dinner and stated that the affair was a great success and that Romulus was well represented.

### Sale of Surplus Equipment

10/97/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Business Office to declare the attached list of equipment surplus and offer it for sale in the City/School auction. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District.

### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) At-Risk Payments – 1997 and 1998; 2) Legislative Update – MASA; 3) Romulus Technology Update; and 4) Finance Committee Minutes.

### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Members of the Board of Education made positive comments regarding the Homecoming events last week.

Mrs. Oleszkowicz requested that we send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Darryl Kenyon and Ms. Theresa Kamensky relative to boat trip to Traverse City, Michigan.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi asked when the carpeting at Barth Elementary School was going to be replaced.

### Executive Session – Negotiations

10/97/10 Moved by Berlenn supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:28 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:30 P.M.

10/97/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlenn to approve the Employment Agreement beginning July, 1997 and terminating July 1, 1999 for Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### ADJOURNMENT:

10/97/12 Moved by Berlenn supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



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Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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# New Arrivals

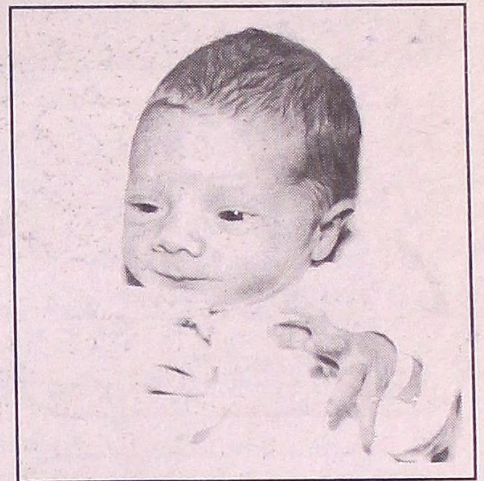
## Kaytlin Nichole Greca

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Kaytlin Nichole, are Tony and Lisa Greca of Romulus, Michigan.

Kaytlin was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 12:38 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 1997, weighing in at six pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length.

Especially excited about her arrival were her big sister, Heather, and her big brothers, Brandon and Christopher.

Kaytlin's paternal grandparents are Clement and Donna Greca of Romulus; her maternal grandparents are Michael and Patricia Cadden, also of Romulus.



## Christopher Way

Michael and Christine Way of Taylor, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Christopher Scott.

Born in Wyandotte General Hospital (Wyandotte, MI) at 10:46 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 1997, Christopher weighed in at 10 pounds, seven ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

Big brothers Bobby and Michael, Jr., gave him an especially warm and loving welcome into his new family.

William and Sandy Way of Taylor are Christopher's paternal grandparents; his maternal grandparents are Oscar and Nancy Cady of Romulus.

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# Obituary

## Crystal G. (Wallace) Gipson

Crystal G. (Wallace) Gipson of New Boston, Michigan, died on Thursday, October 23, 1997, at the age of 62.

Crystal was born in Dell, Arkansas, on September 13, 1935, and married Arlie W. Gipson on December 3, 1952. The Special Tree employee had an exceptional gift for working with handicapped people, and enjoyed organizing parties and other special events for them. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star — Wayne Lodge.

Surviving Crystal are her husband; three sons, Staff Sergeant Arlie J. Gipson (Clarksville, TN), Mr. Ronnie G. Gipson (Metamora, MI), and Mr. David B. Gipson (Dearborn, MI); her mother, Ms. Cecil Mae Wallace (Osceola, AR); one brother, Mr. Joe L. Wallace (Osceola, AR); two sisters, Mrs. Gerald (Billie Sue) Coley (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Billy Ray (Hazel C.) Higgenbotham

(Osceola, AR); eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by one brother.

Friends of the family spoke at the funeral service, which was held on Saturday, October 25, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Interment was at Memorial Park Cemetery (Blytheville, Arkansas). Memorial tributes may be made to the Closed Head Alliance of Southeast Michigan. □

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